



U.S. RIGHT TO KNOW

Pursuing truth and transparency for public health

**Job Description: Science Reporter
U.S. Right to Know**

[U.S. Right to Know](#) is seeking a science reporter for an investigative project on pesticides and their impact on the environment and human health.

U.S. Right to Know is a nonprofit newsroom and public health research group. We investigate and report on corporate wrongdoing and government failures that threaten our health, environment, or food system. We uncover, report on, and share documents obtained through public records laws and from whistleblowers, and collaborate with public health academics and journalists around the world.

Our investigations into the ultra-processed food and pesticide industries have been reported on worldwide, leading to [four New York Times articles](#); [14 articles in the BMJ](#), one of the world's leading medical journals; and [16 co-authored](#) peer-reviewed public health journal articles. Our team has also reported extensively on the [origins of Covid-19](#) and [high-risk virological research](#).

We cover many facets of the commercial determinants of health, including [infant formula with added sugars](#), [private equity in health care](#), [phthalates and breast cancer](#), [microplastics and endocrine disruption](#), [toxic chemicals in baby clothes](#), drug and device industry [payments to medical professionals](#), and the benefits of [reducing the use of personal care products](#).

Our fact sheets on chemicals of concern – for example, [aspartame](#), [sucralose](#), [glyphosate](#), [dicamba](#), [2,4-D](#), and [PFAS](#) – have been read by more than one million people.

The science reporter will lead an investigation related to the environmental and health effects of pesticides. The investigation will report on scientific information, so the reporter must be able to assess and synthesize scientific studies and arguments. The reporter will prepare news articles based on investigative findings, as well as new scientific developments as they arise.

The reporter can be based anywhere in the United States.

Qualifications

- Investigative journalism experience is preferred
- Environmental journalism experience is preferred
- Academic background in science is preferred
- Knowledge of food, agriculture, environmental, and pesticide issues is preferred
- Exceptional writing and research skills
- Computer literate, and comfortable with acquiring new skills

- Flexible and able to manage multiple projects
- Self-motivated and able to work independently

This position is available immediately. Compensation is competitive and based on experience. Please submit a cover letter, resume, and three writing samples to Gary Ruskin, executive director of U.S. Right to Know, at gary@usrtk.org. In the email subject line, please write: "SCIENCE REPORTER".

U.S. Right to Know is an equal opportunity employer. Women and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information about our work, please see usrtk.org.

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